

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28, 1896.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crosswell & Co.—Attention
C. P. Roberts, Ninety Six—Red Oats.
Estate of Oliver E. Hodge—Executor's Notice.
Estate of Mrs. A. J. Hulbert—Final Discharge.

PERSONAL.

Misses Beulah Rhame and Marie DuPre, who have been visiting at Pisgah, returned to the city yesterday afternoon.

Miss L. W. of Merced, California, is visiting Mrs. A. S. Brown.

Miss Arabella Moses and little brother, Claremont, left for Newberry Monday.

Mr. Sam Talley, of Columbia, is visiting Mr. H. B. Bloom.

Mr. R. F. Willeford, of Millwood, Ga., has been in the city for several days.

Mr. R. E. Carnes, of Bishopville, was in the city yesterday on business.

Capt. H. A. Wells, of Florence, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. Waring and Maj. J. B. Ezell, of Columbia, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Agnes Bogin has gone Charleston to spend the remainder of the week.

Mrs. E. I. Reardon left for Charleston Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Alexander have gone to Charleston for the week.

Mrs. J. J. Fowler and daughter, of Wilmington, N. C., have been visiting Mrs. C. E. Bultman during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Levi, of Rutherfordton, N. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Levi.

Miss Fannie Strauss, of Mayesville, passed through the city last Thursday en route for Rock Hill, where she will attend Winthrop Normal College.

Mrs. R. E. McElveen, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Edgar Skinner, has returned to her home at Shiloh.

Mr. R. H. Jackson, Soliciting Agent of the Georgia Railroad, spent Thursday in the city.

Mrs. J. W. H. Dukes and Miss Ethel Lowman are spending a few days with Mrs. M. B. Randle.

Miss Eva Smith, of Sumter, who has been engaged to teach the Walnut Hill School, arrived last Saturday and opened the school last Monday.—Kershaw Era.

Mr. John P. Moran, liked by everybody who knows him, is at home for a few days. John went to Charleston with Delgar Reel Squad.

Messrs. Emile Moses and W. H. Branch drove down to Mayesville Sunday morning and returned in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cooper, of Wisacky, went to Charleston Monday to spend the week.

Mrs. S. L. Kee and Mr. Vernon Keels, of Rembert, spent Monday and yesterday in the city.

Hon. J. Wm. Stokes, Democratic nominee for congressman from this district was in the city yesterday morning. He spent several hours in consultation with leading Democrats relative to the election.

In the afternoon he went into the country to see several of his political friends. He is at work and will not leave anything to chance on the day of election.

The new chapel at St. Joseph's Academy is very nearly completed.

Insurance rates should be much lower in this city than the Southeastern Tariff Association prescribes.

Cotton went off in price Monday. Those who sold in the morning were more fortunate than those who had to close out in the afternoon.

The public cotton weighers were not kept busy last week. The cotton receipts have fallen off decidedly, and the rush is over for this season.

Every circus that has visited the State this year or is billed to do so has given Sumter the go-by.

Judging from the interest the children are taking in the "Mystic Midgets" show, the entertainment will be a grand success.

The law which prevents the city from holding an election to fill a vacancy in the Council has been criticised and ridiculed on all sides.

The machinery for the Cotton Oil Mill has not all arrived and it is not expected to have the mill begin work for several weeks yet.

Capt. T. B. Johnston, Republican candidate for Congress, has an immense U. S. flag displayed in front of his office on the Court House Square.

It is about time for Jim Bracey to put in an appearance and stir up the law officers. He has not amused himself in these parts for quite a little while, which is contrary to his custom.

The false alarm of fire that called out the fire department Friday morning was started by some person who heard the outcries of Mrs. J. J. Muller and daughter when they discovered that Mr. Muller had killed himself.

Births and deaths reported to Health Officer, Reardon, for the past week ending Oct. 23d, 1896. Births, colored, 1 male and 1 female. Total births, 2. Deaths, white, 1 female, 30 years old; 1 colored female, 1 day old. Total deaths, 2.

The attraction at the Opera House for to-night, will be the lecture of the Rev. Sam P. Jones on "Machood and Money," given in the interest of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church. Don't fail to go to hear "Sam." If you do you miss a chance of a life time.

Monday, Magistrate Jennings had Mr. B. A. Hussey before him on a charge of assault and battery upon the person of John T. Hurst, and after investigation bound him over to answer the charge at the next term of the Court of Sessions.

Main Street is a disgrace to the city of Sumter, and would be a disgrace to even a cross roads hamlet. If you don't believe this drive down Main Street from Republican street to the depot. The street is a succession of mud holes, gullies, brick bats and elevated board crossings, and there is neither pleasure nor profit in driving on the principal thoroughfare of the city.

The Colored Opera Company gave a very creditable performance at the Opera House Monday evening. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental solos and vocal quartets and choruses, the second, the cantata "Trial by Jury." The audience was small, but those who were present enjoyed a really good performance.

The crowd of Gala Week visitors from this city and county will be much larger this year than it has been since the time that gala week in Charleston was a great novelty and people from all parts of the State flocked to the city by thousands. Quite a number went down to the city Monday night and a much larger crowd went yesterday evening.

There are all anticipating a week of pleasure unless the programme proves to be a deception and a snare their anticipation will be realized.

Mr. J. J. Muller Commits Suicide—Ill Health, Financial Embarrassment and Despondency the Cause.

Mr. J. J. Muller committed suicide last Friday at 8:15 o'clock a.m., at his home in this city. It taking his own life he made use of a Smith and Wesson 32 calibre revolver, which he placed to his right temple and pulled the trigger. The ball passed diagonally through his head, coming out near the back on the left side on a line slightly above the ear. Death must have been almost instantaneous, for when his wife found him a few moments after he shot himself he was dead.

When the deed was done no one was present. Mrs. Muller having gone out into the yard a few minutes before, leaving Mr. Muller sitting in front of the fire. While in the yard she heard the report of the pistol; but was not alarmed, not knowing that it was fired in the house. Returning to the house she found her husband stretched out on the floor with a bullet hole through his head from which the blood was trickling and forming a puddle on the floor.

Mr. Muller was German, but had been a resident of this country for a great many years, living first in Mayesville and then in this city. He was a harness maker by trade and was quite successful in business until recent years. Financial embarrassment and continued ill health caused him to grow despondent and melancholy, and it is the supposition that it was in an aggravated fit of despondency that he took his life. Mr. Muller was insured in the A. O. U. W. for \$2,000. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Trauger, on Saturday.

A Negro Shot.

Late Wednesday afternoon Amos Hanely and Willie Montgomery, colored, while sitting on a box at the corner of Main and Republican streets began fooling with their pistols and Hanely's gun went off unexpectedly. The ball struck Montgomery on the upper lip, cutting off a part of it. Hanely left the scene immediately and Montgomery was taken to Dr. China's Drug Store where his wounded lip was patched up. Montgomery says the shooting was the result of an accident and that he and Hanely were good friends.

Want the Reel Wagons Regulated.

The custom of the reel wagons in driving rapidly through the city at random is exceeding foolish and dangerous. An ordinance should be passed instructing the reel wagons not to leave the reel house until the direction of the fire was located, and then go at a moderate speed.

OBSERVER

City Clerk, Hurst, was busy last week refunding the license taxes paid under the license ordinance enacted for the fiscal year 1896-97, but which has been repealed by Council.

The constitution builders and election law makers of this State accomplished a great feat when they made it impossible for a city to hold an election to supply a vacancy in the Board of Aldermen. A city would be in a fine fix if all the Aldermen were to resign or die.

The Mormon Elders held open air meetings on the Court House square yesterday and Monday. The meetings were simply attended, the audiences on both occasions being composed almost entirely of negroes. One of the elders took a text from the Bible and preached a sermon both days.

Chief Bloom of the Fire Department and the racing team from Delgar Reel Squad left for Charleston on yesterday evening to take part in the State Firemen's Tournament which takes place to-day. The members of the racing team are: W. S. Graham, A. G. Flowers, Sol. Ryttenberg, George Foxworth, Willie Bultman, N. G. Osteen, Jr., Joe Villeneuve, Walter Stancil, John Moran and John Miller.

The contest will be between the Charleston teams and teams from Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Orangeburg and Sumter, among which there are several very fast teams, and the prospect is that there will be fast time and a close and exciting contest. Delgar Squad sent the fastest and staunchest team that has ever been gotten together to represent the Game Cock City and the team is expected to give a good account of itself.

The hardware dealers say that they have sold more pistols this fall than ever before in the same length of time. The majority of the buyers were negroes, who are becoming more and more addicted to carrying pistols every year. A lot of killings may be looked forward to. The concealed weapon law is a dead letter and the respectable law abiding citizens are at the mercy of the pistol-toting law breakers. Unless one takes the trouble to investigate the matter no intelligent conception of the number of men, white as well as negroes, who habitually carry pistols or brass knuckles can be had. A prosecution under the concealed weapon law is never heard of except when some unfortunate negro falls into the hands of the law officers and a pistol is found on his person. Then the time of counting concealed weapons is entered up in the indictment along with his other misdemeanors.

Rev. J. C. Watkins, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, colored, and principal of the Presbyterian School, takes high grounds for declining to become a candidate for County Superintendent of Education on the Republican ticket, and he is wise in doing so. A minister has no place in politics, particularly as an office seeker, and it would be well if all ministers, both white and colored, would take the stand that Rev. J. C. Watkins has.

The stock of the new ice factory has nearly all been subscribed and new stockholders are putting their names down every day. Those who have not subscribed but wish to have stock in the new company can do so by notifying either P. P. Finn or E. J. Dunne, who have the list. The establishment of the new factory means cheap ice for Sumter and it will be poor business policy for Sumter people to let it fall through for the want of a few hundred dollars.

John Pickett, Jake White, William Brooks, John Magill, David Lawrence and Melikiah Howell, six colored society swells were before the Mayor last Thursday charged with disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance on Church street at 2 o'clock a.m. They had been to a frolic and were returning home when they were pulled by Policemen Weeks for yelling and cursing. Lawrence and Howell were discharged by Mayor Bossard. The others were found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$2 each.

The announcement of a special election for an Alderman to succeed Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr., will be withdrawn by Council and the election will not be held until it can be decided definitely what are the requirements under the new election law. The matter has been referred to the city attorney and until he renders an opinion no further action will be taken by Council looking toward filling the vacancy that now exists in the Board of Aldermen. The advertisement of the election was given out in compliance with the old law governing such elections and it was not discovered that the new law differed materially from the old until the notice of election had been published. As soon as the matter was brought to the attention of Council it was decided to declare the election off until it could be ordered under and in strict compliance with the election law now in force.

FIRE.

An alarm of fire was made just after four yesterday afternoon, and the department turned out promptly. At first no one seemed to know where the alarm came from and both wagons went up Main Street.

It was finally ascertained that the fire was on the premises of Mr. John Morris, corner of Sumter and Duane Streets. After a race of five or ten minutes the reel wagons returned and located the fire, which proved to be a stack of fodder in Mr. Morris' garden.

No. 3 got to the fire a little ahead of No. 2, and both teams were pretty much fagged by the race.

Mules, Horses, Cows and Hogs Burned to Death in Levi Bros. Stables.

Levi Bros', large stables, situated on the lot in the rear of The Watchman and Southron building, was discovered to be on fire about 12 o'clock Friday night by Policeman Brown, who at once gave the alarm and then proceeded to make every exertion to liberate the live stock that were in the stable, for he saw that the flames had already made such headway that it would be impossible to save the building. One mule and two cows were rescued, but two horses, two mules, a cow and four hogs could not be gotten out and were cremated. Two wagons, a sulky plow, six or seven thousand pounds of forage and a lot of harness and other articles were also burned. There was no insurance on the building or contents. The loss is estimated to be at least \$500 or \$600.

The fire spread to the frame building next to The Watchman and Southron building, which was until recently occupied by The Watchman and Southron printing office. Two rooms were partially destroyed before the flames could be extinguished, and it was only by the hardest sort of work by Monaghan and Delgar Reel Squads that the entire building was kept from going up in smoke. Each squad had two streams on the fire and the firemen surrounded the fire and fought it from all sides until it was brought into subjection. The building which is owned by C. P. and H. G. Osteen is insured for an amount that covers the loss.

All of the window glasses in the rear of The Watchman and Southron office were broken by the heat, which was the extent of the damage sustained by that building.

The rear portion of the building occupied by Hong Gong, the Chinese laundryman, was slightly damaged, and a two-room frame building in the rear of that was burned to the ground. These two buildings were the property of the Colored Investment Association.

A small building, used as a stable, on Mr. N. O'Donnell's lot, adjoining Levi Bros' stable, was also burned.

The small amount of damage resulting from the fire is the highest testimonial of the efficiency of the Fire Department, for had the firemen not worked as they did it is more than probable that the fire would have spread to the adjoining buildings on both sides and a disastrous and costly fire would have resulted.

The Daily Item sincerely congratulates the firemen on the fine work they did that night and at the same time extends no less sincere thanks, for had the firemen not worked so faithfully the Item would to-day have been homeless and temporarily suspended.

Arrested For a Blind Tiger.

M. W. Sumter, colored, who does a small grocery and fruit business on Liberty Street was arrested by the city police on Saturday night for selling whiskey. He was given an opportunity to give bond for his appearance before the Mayor on Monday, but instead he undertook to dispute the charge and argue the case, whereupon Chief Bradford committed him to a cell without further ceremony.

Upon searching his store a number of flasks of liquor were found, without labels or seals and also one quart bottle of dispensary rye whiskey. The latter was claimed by an outside party who said it was bought and left there until it could be sent in the country.

The Mayor on Monday morning decided he had no jurisdiction and turned the case over to Magistrate Wells, who not being in the city Sumter was committed to jail awaiting a preliminary hearing.

The Witherspoon Furniture Co

The attention of our readers is invited to a notice by Mr. John E. Whilden, who has recently purchased an interest in the Witherspoon Bros. & Co. furniture business, and is now actively engaged in pushing the growing trade that has been built up by progressive methods and energy. Mr. Whilden will be glad to see his friends at any time and will take special care in serving them when they want furniture.

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After meals you should have simply a feeling of comfort and satisfaction. You should not feel any special indications that digestion is going on. If you do, you have indigestion, which means no digestion. This may be the beginning of so many dangerous diseases, that it is best to take it in hand at once and treat it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. For you know that indigestion makes poison, which causes pain and sickness. And that Shaker Digestive Cordial helps digestion and cures indigestion. Shaker Digestive Cordial does this by providing the digestive materials in which the sick stomach is wanting. It also tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and makes them perfectly healthy. This is the rationale of its method of cure, as the doctors would say. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

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SUMTER S. C.
Oct. 21.

The Facts About the Reported Disturbance at Mayesville.

MR. EDITOR:—The account of the disturbance in Mayesville, on Saturday night, Oct. 17th, which appeared in your issue of the 21st, calls for a word of correction from me in the following particulars: Sam Bradley was arrested by the town marshal, and while on his way to the guard house he was taken away from the marshal by some parties. Three boys were arrested and lodged in the guard house. They were kept in the guard house until Monday morning, when they were tried (not by the Intendant), but by the whole town Council. Their conduct during the row was closely investigated, and the verdict of the Council was that two of them were guilty of cursing and using improper language on the streets and they were fined \$3.00 each. The other was fined \$5.00, as he was more guilty of misbehavior than the others. If there was any riot, the proof was not brought before the Council. The causes did not appear to the Council to call for any punishment more severe. I am glad to say that there has been no further trouble.

Respectfully

J. E. MAYES,
Intendant.

The New York Herald on "The Mystic Midgets."

The New Herald in speaking of the production of the Mystic Midgets in that city said:

"One of the most novel and pleasing cantatas ever seen in the city was presented for the first time last night at St. Monica's hall to a crowded house. Long before the doors were open people began to fill the entrance way and standing room, was at a premium before the curtain rose. The cantata is spectacular in character and well adapted to please the old as well as the young, the acting many times would do justice to those of older growth. The marches, dancing and tableaux effects were very pretty. The costumes were new, original, novel and unique."

This is the entertainment now under preparation by the Daughters in Israel to be given at the Academy of Music, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Nov. 2 and 3. The prices of admission will be all reserved seats 35cts, general admission 25cts, children 15cts, gallery 15cts.

A Jack Horner Party.

The circle of King's Daughters, heretofore known as the "Willing Workers" circle have changed its name to that of the "Joasmuch" circle. The young ladies composing the circle propose to hold an entertainment for children, known as a "Jack Horner Party," at the residence of Dr. H. J. McLaughlin, this afternoon, between the hours of four and six. The two hours will be devoted to the entertainment of the little ones who attend. Refreshments will also be served. The older folks could spend a pleasant two hours looking on. Admission 10 cents.

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Claremont Lodge No. 64 A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, Nov. 19th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By order, F. M. SPANN, W. M.
H. C. MOSES, Secretary. Oct 21—o

Estate of John Brown, Dec'd.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on November 21st, 1896, for a Final Discharge as Executor of said Estate.

JOHN E. BROWN, Executor.

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35c all-wool Flannels, fancy and plain 23c.
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15c Fancy Dress Goods, double fold, 10c.
75c all-wool Flannels, extra fine goods, 48c.
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Ladies' Cloth, all shades, 54-in for 60c.

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15c Ladies' Fast Black Hose for 9c.
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